

Application No. 10/637,215
Amendment dated March 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 12, 2006

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 5 sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, and 4C. These sheets, which include FIGS. FIGS. 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, and 4C, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, and 4C.

Attachment: Five (5) Replacement Sheets 1/12, 2/12, 3/12, 4/12, and 5/12.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Application

Claims 1-8 and 12-17 are pending and have been allowed.

The Examiner objected to the specification and drawings for a number of informalities. Applicants have amended the specification and drawings along the lines set forth by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification as required by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Drawings

Applicants have amended the drawings as required by the Examiner, and five Replacement Sheets have been provided. Specifically,

- Cross-hatching has been added to FIG. 1 to bring it into conformance with FIG. 1 in copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/439,991.
- “(Prior Art)” legends have been added to FIGS. 1, 2, 3A, and 3B.
- In FIGS. 4A, 4B, and 4C, the lead lines from numerals 410, 412, and 414 have been changed to arrows denoting that they are pointing to sub-assemblies.
- In FIGS. 4A, 4B, and 4C, the lead line from numeral 422 has been corrected to point to the granite base plate 422.
- In FIG. 4B, the lead line from numeral 420 has been corrected to point to the correct element.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe this application is in condition for issuance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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